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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Group Art Unit: 3728

Tracy E. Grim et. al.

Examiner: Marie Patterson

Title: Footgear With Pressure Relief Zones

Serial No.: 09/592,462

Filed: June 9, 2000

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 26, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 26, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims, please amend as follows:

33. Footgear with pressure relief areas for the foot, said footgear having a sole area extending substantially for the entire area underlying the foot of a user comprising:

an outer sole;

an inner sole extending substantially over the entire sole area mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable resilient sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable resilient sections having lower surfaces which are mounted within said footgear and said sections together form a substantially smooth surface for engagement by the foot;

means for independently modifying support of the foot provided at each section location;said resilient sections being directly adjacent one another to form said grid; and